



High Sensitivity Cardiac Troponin T

(cTnT GEN 5)

Effective January 30, 2019, Clinical Labs will offer in-house testing for High Sensitivity Cardiac Troponin T (cTnT GEN 5) as a replacement for current Troponin I testing.

Rapid, precise, and accurate detection of clinical, imaging, electrophysiological, and biomarker findings are the foundation for the diagnosis of acute myocardial infarction (AMI). Although current cardiac-specific assays are effective, they are often limited by decreased sensitivity and impression.

In this context, Clinical Labs of Hawaii is pleased to convert to the enhanced Generation 5 cardiac Troponin T (Roche, cTnT GEN5) for the comprehensive evaluation of AMI. The results of a comprehensive clinical-analytical validation are in line with prior large scale studies, which demonstrate a sensitivity and negative predictive value exceeding 98%. This next generation biomarker is the only FDA-approved troponin assay which meets the Universal Definition of Myocardial Infarction (UDMI) criteria for “guideline acceptable” imprecision¹ and the International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (IFCC) definition of a high sensitivity assay^{2,3}.

INTERPRETATION AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

	Troponin I (cTnI, Contemporary)	Generation 5 Troponin T (cTnT GEN5)
High sensitivity (IFCC)	Does not meet criteria for high sensitivity	High sensitivity
Total imprecision (UDMI) at the 99 th percentile	CV ≥10% to ≤ 20% Clinically usable	CV ≤10% Guideline acceptable
Units	ng/mL nanograms per milliliter	ng/L nanograms per LITER
99 th % upper reference limit	≤ 0.04 ng/mL (or ≤ 40 ng/L)	<20 ng/L
Sample	Serum and Li Heparin plasma	Li Heparin plasma only
Test code	TROP	TNT5
Clinical interpretation	As with all biomarkers, the accurate diagnosis of acute myocardial infarction requires clinical correlation and strict adherence to established practice guidelines.	

Order Code/ Test Name	Test Method	Specimen Requirement	Stability	Performed	Reported	Reference Interval	CPT Code
TNT5(3690) Troponin T GEN 5	Electro chemi- luminescent Immunoassay	1.0 mL (0.5 mL min.) Plasma Lithium Heparin (Green top)	Room Temp: 2 hours Refrigerated: 24 hours Frozen: 1 year	Sun-Sat Available Stat	Same Day	<20 ng/L ⁴	84484

References

1. Universal Definition of Myocardial Infarction (UDMI) recommends using a troponin test that can measure the 99th% upper reference limit (URL) with an imprecision ≤ 10 % CV (coefficient of variation)
2. International Federation of Clinical Chemistry (IFCC) defines high sensitivity troponin as: one that can measure cTn above the LoD in ≥ 50% of healthy subjects using a troponin test that can measure the 99th% URL with an analytical imprecision ≤ 10 %
3. e601/e602
4. In accordance with current IFCC guidelines, 99th percentile value will begin to be reported as whole numbers only in ng/L units.